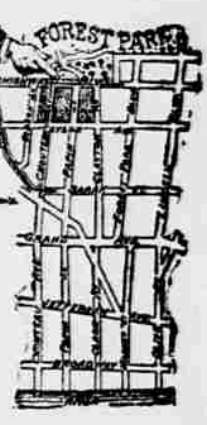


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PRICES EVENTUALLY TEND
UPWARD BEFORE CLOSE.

Wheat Still Hard to Buy From First Hands and Crop Killer Has an Inning.

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Chicago, April 29.—Grain traders seemed in doubt to-day what side of the market to espouse. Had there been anything worth while to the outside buying, the bullish influences at hand might have pushed prices

Wheat was firm and higher at the open-

Liverpool cables did not show a decided response to the break here yesterday. Receipts were still small and Kansas was still sending in woeful reports of her crop condition. Both the Northwest and Southwest contradicted the report that farmers' deliveries were liberal and said wheat was as hard to buy from first hands as at any time. Reports from North Dakota said ponds covered many of the fields and that

The acreage would be reduced and that the ground would not be in fit condition to plow until the middle of May. On the other hand, rains were copious in most of the Ohio Valley. There was a little spurt of buying at the start, but this turned to a selling pressure later and early gains were lost. Professionals, however, continued to buy in the dull market and prices reacted slightly. July opened $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ higher to un-

changed at 194c to 193c, advanced to 194 1/2c to 195c and closed firm 194 1/2c up at 194 1/2c to 195c. Receipts were 72 cars one contract; Minneapolis and Duluth reported 135 cars, a total for the three points of 208, against 236 last week and 329 a year ago. Primary receipts were 223,000 bu., compared to 407,000 bu. last year. Seaboard clearances equaled 435,000 bu. The seaboard reported 5 loads taken for export to France.

Corn.
Fair buying by the most prominent bull interests supported corn again to-day. Trade, however, was dull. The close showed up of the market and the close showed only a slight improvement. Cables were firm, considering our position yesterday, but this influence was offset by liberal rains in the corn country. Offerings were expected to be heavy for the week ending 4. results here

to increase in late summer and early fall. The
were slightly better. Offerings in futures,
however, were really taken at any de-
cline. Bulk sales of the trade kept prices
from good advances. July sold at \$4.65 1/2
and closed firm, 1/2¢ up at \$4.80 1/2. Re-
ceipts 128 cars. Oats received no assistance
from corn or wheat. The recent heavy
rains were deemed beneficial to the sown
oats and receipts were much more liberal.
The cash demand was fair.

Articles	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—May	74 3/4	74 3/4	74	74 3/4
July	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4

Sept.	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
Oct.-May	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
July	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
Sept.	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
Oats-May	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
July, old	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
July, new	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
Sept., old	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
Sept., new	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
Meat-Pork-May	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
July	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
Sept.	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00

July-May	19.30	10.97 1/2	9.97 1/2	10.40
June	10.10	10.15	30.10	10.15
Sept.	10.10	10.15	30.10	10.15
Export Rice	10.15	9.45	9.15	9.45
Sept.	9.50	9.15	9.50	9.50
Sept.	9.00	9.00	9.57 1/2	9.57 1/2
Receipts and Shipments.				
Articles		Rec.		Ship.
Flour, bbls.		47.00		30.00
Wheat, bu.		40.00		60.00
Corn, bu.		104.00		99.00

Oats, bu.	325.00	225.00
Rye, bu.	3.00	
Barley, bu.	24.00	9.00
Provisions.		
A good demand for lard, especially by packers, and the firm hog and grain situation upheld provisions. There was almost an entire absence of outside profit-taking. Although scattered selling of pork took off much of the early gains. Trade was dull.		

July pork closed $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ lower at \$17. July lard $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ higher at \$10.12 $\frac{1}{2}$, and July ribs a shade up at \$9.50.

Estimated receipts to-morrow: Wheat, 30 cars; corn, 75; oats, 130; hogs, 27,000 head.

Wall Street Gossip.

Reported by the New York Commercial Advertiser through Francis B. & Co., No. 24

Vanderbilt Group-The various Vanderbilt shares were among the early strong features, the higher priced scoring practically sharp advances,

The buying of these stocks continued to perplex the street. In some instances the rise seemed due to manipulation designed to influence the rest of the market, while in others the buying was due to an incident or a rumor connected with one of an important plan, though it was recognized that no "holding company" would be formed until after the declaration of decision in Northern Securities case. One story was that Chicago and Northwestern stockholders would receive a dividend on debenture stock, since an increase in

The Grangers-Rock Island rose sharply in the early dealings on manipulative buying by the Chicago inside clique, said to have been prompted by the desire to make the new bonds attractive. St. Paul became the leader of afternoon trading. It was bought by Strong, Sturgis & Co., followed by brokers said to have received orders from the claimants. The advance in St. Paul stimulated the trading in other rocks.

and imparted a decidedly better tone to the market in the last hour.

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Atchison—The common stock was bought by Strong, Sturges & Co. and scattering commission houses and traders, as well as by Keene brokers. The room, however, credited the movement to the Chicago contingent. Bull tips circulated freely and were heeded by the room element. He claimed that the buying was of a confident character.

Wheeling and Lake Erie.—In the later dealings Chicago and Great Western and Wheeling and Lake Erie common and first preferred stocks became active and strong, leading to reports that all well-known operations identified with these shares in the past had returned to this city. After a three months absence and begun active operations in his old specialties. In the case of Wheeling, however, it was pointed out that the Wheeling plans all tended materially to enhance

value of winning securities.

Missellaneous — American Locomotive issues made new high records to-day on excellent commission-house buying based upon trade reports. Brooklyn Rapid Transit was inclined to react a profit-taking. The new bonds sold on the curb at \$74.9885, when issued. Canadian Pacific showed heaviness on selling by Canadian houses, but a steady, gain-making career of sharp advances. Manhattan was quietly bought by commission houses in position to know the attitude of the

Poultry.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, April 29.—Live poultry: Receipts today were 5 cars Western and a limited quantity by express. The Jews were still away observing passover and arrivals together with the stock carried over, are in jobbers' hands. Restivers held out for live, but buyers would not

but basic. Old roosters declined to 1c, and while
 the best run of turkeys brought 11c, clear
 eggs sold at 12c. Ducks and geese held about
 steady. Pigeons unchanged. Fowls 12c. Old

Doctor Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are sold at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, and may be had of all druggists, or direct by mail from Doctor Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

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